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(54)	FENCE CLIPPING SYSTEM HAVING
	FLEXIBLE ARM AND
	DOUBLE-LOCKING-HEAD ARM FOR
	HANGING FENCE PANELS ON ONE SIDE
	OF FENCE POSTS

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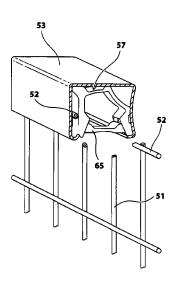
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ABSTRACT

A plasticized fence clipping system comprises fence posts, fence rails, wire panels, having top wires, plasticized rail clips having wire recesses for locking the top wires therein, and plasticized double-locking-head arms. The plasticized rail clips and plasticized double-locking-head arms are for quickly and easily locking and releasing the top wires to and from the inside of the fence rails, respectively, such that the plasticized fence clipping system absorbs vibrations exerted on the fence and prevents the metal components of the fence from contacting and grinding against one another, to keep the fence quiet and to prevent the metal components from rusting. The plasticized fence clipping system is affordable and reliable, is quick and easy to install, requires no tools, saves materials, eliminates personal injuries, can be operated by hand, and requires only one person to install the fence.

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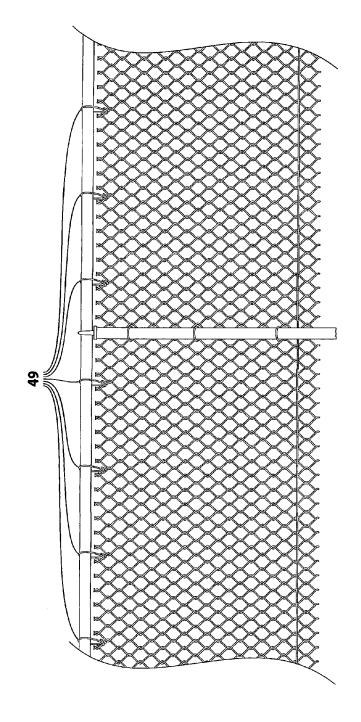
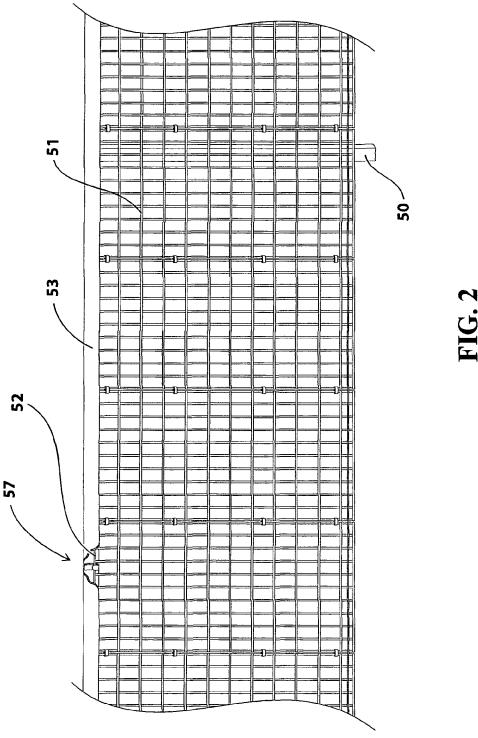
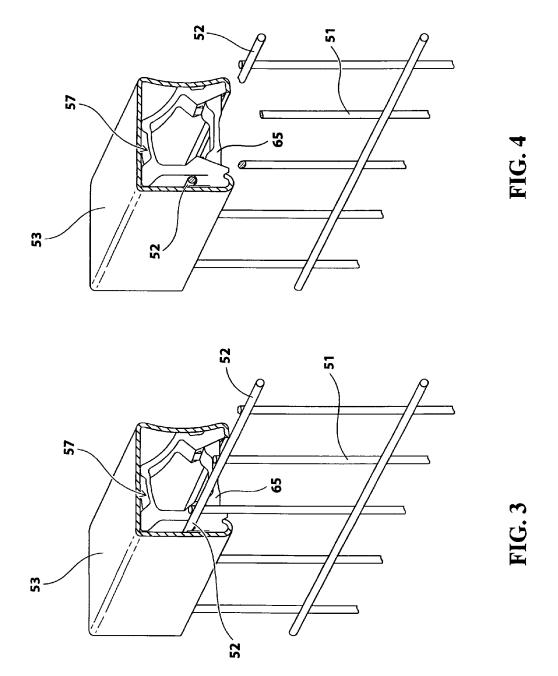
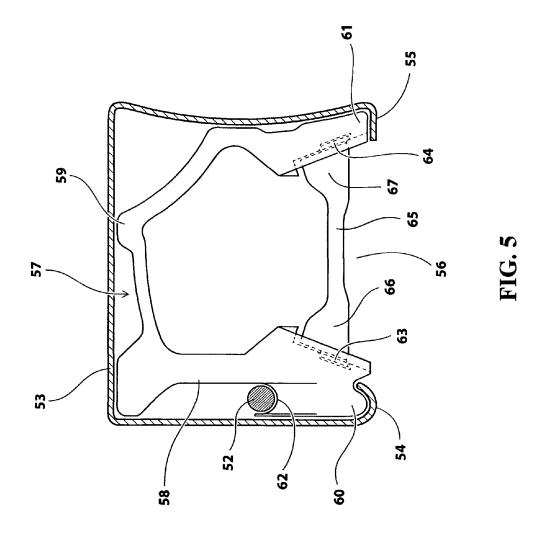
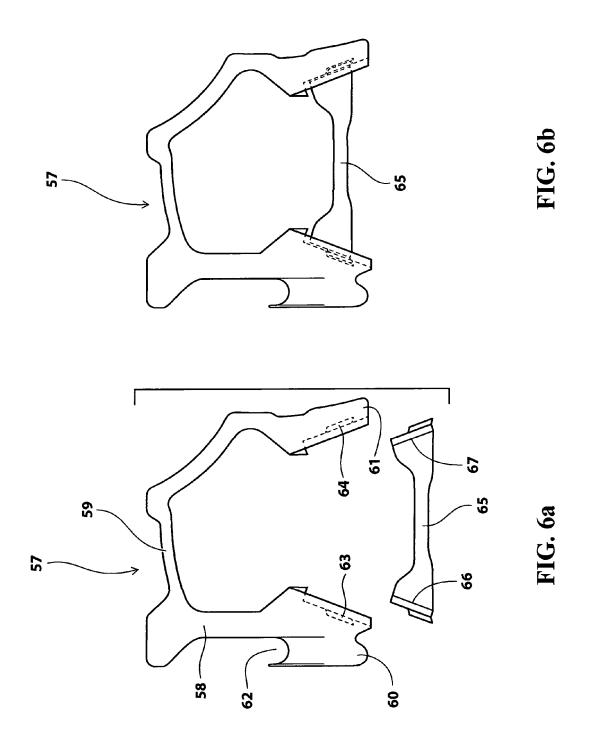


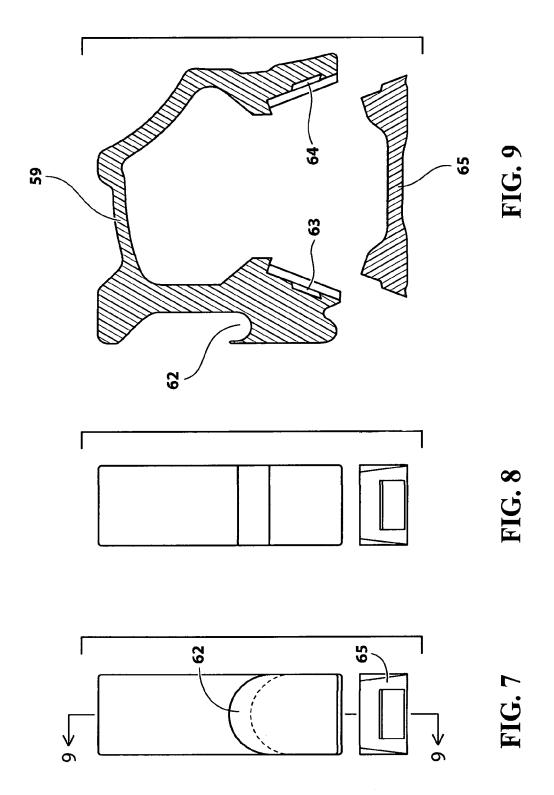
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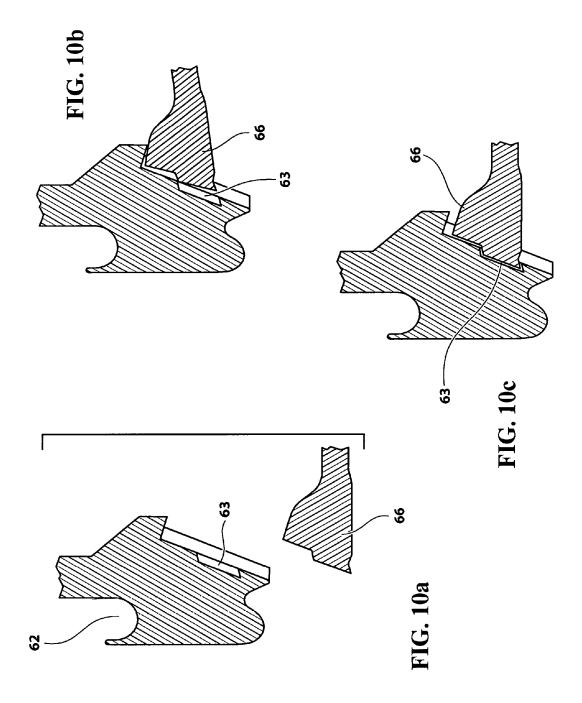


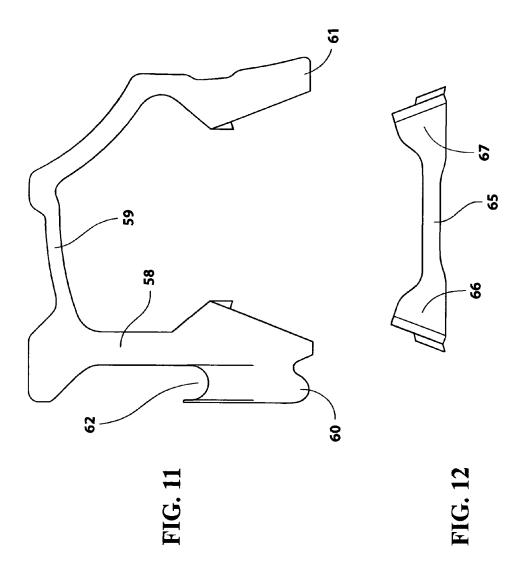


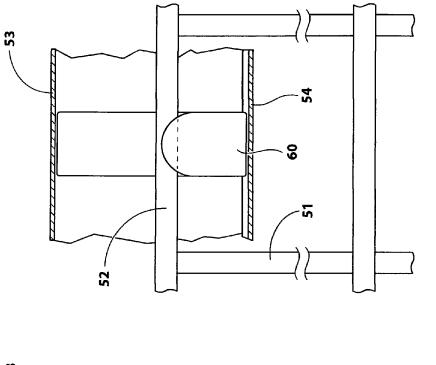


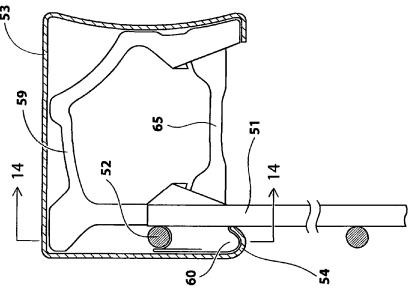


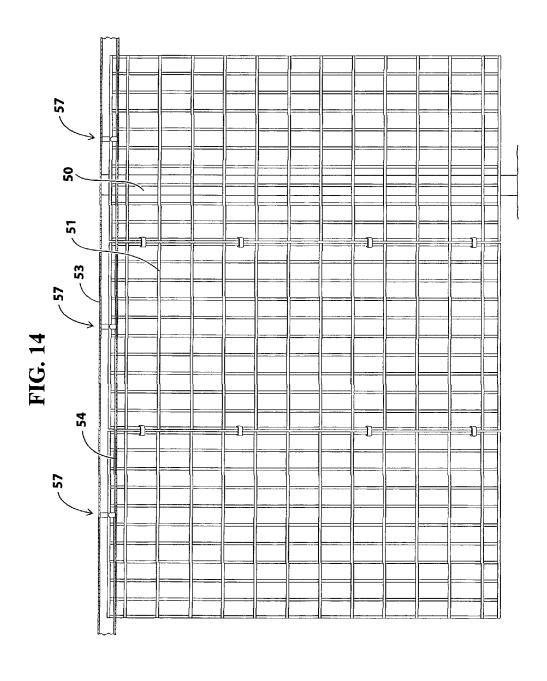


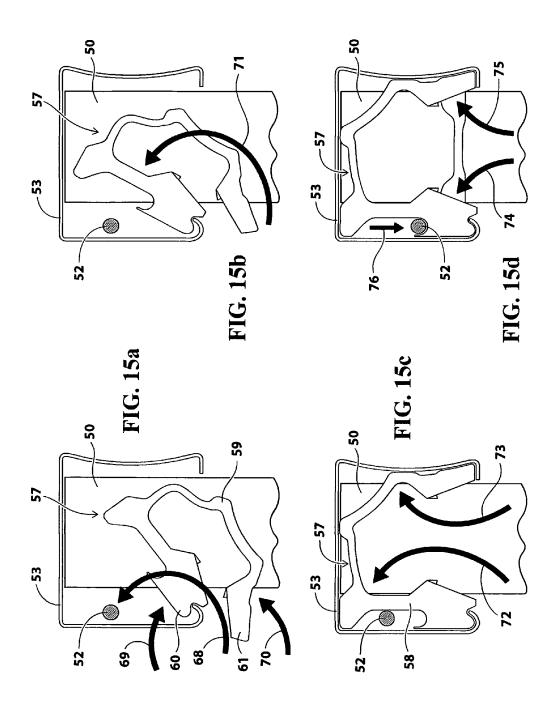


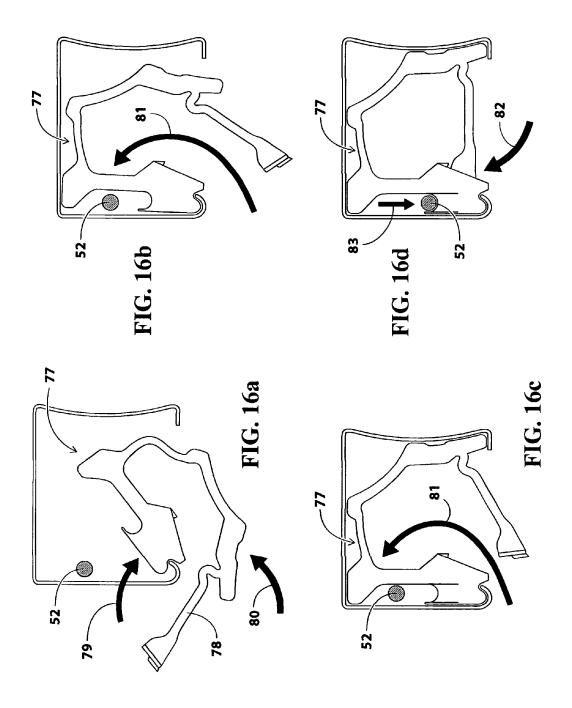












FENCE CLIPPING SYSTEM HAVING FLEXIBLE ARM AND DOUBLE-LOCKING-HEAD ARM FOR HANGING FENCE PANELS ON ONE SIDE OF FENCE POSTS

REFERENCE TO PREVIOUSLY FILED PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Provisional Patent Application No. 61/867,062 was filed 10 on Aug. 17, 2013.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a fence clipping system. Particularly, the present invention relates to a unique plasticized fence clipping system having plasticized flexible arms and plasticized double-locking-head arms. The unique plasticized fence clipping system prevents the metal com- 20 ponents of a fence from contacting and grinding against one another, and from squeaking and moaning, to keep the fence quiet and to prevent the metal components of the fence from rusting. The unique plasticized fence clipping system can quickly and easily locks and releases the wire panels of the 25 fence to and from the inside of the fence rails of the fence, respectively. The unique plasticized fence clipping system is also durable and reliable, is easy and safe to install, eliminates personal injuries, can be operated by hand, requires no tools, and requires only one person to install the fence (it 30 does not require many people like prior-art fences do).

2. Description of the Prior Art

A number of chain-link fences and chain-link-fence wire twists have been introduced. U.S. Pat. No. 221,878, filed Jul. 29, 1879, to Reuben L. Taylor; U.S. Pat. No. 351,244, filed 35 Feb. 2, 1886, to John Baines; U.S. Pat. No. 379,706, filed Nov. 21, 1887, to Israel L. Landis; U.S. Pat. No. 385,531, filed Apr. 5, 1888, to Adam Shrader; U.S. Pat. No. 386,721, filed May 19, 1888, to Garret V. Rickards; U.S. Pat. No. 473,028, filed Jun. 26, 1890, to Richard C. Stewart; U.S. Pat. 40 No. 603,628, filed Oct. 8, 1897, to Thomas B. Ferguson; U.S. Pat. No. 611,913, filed Feb. 19, 1898, to Harvey Kees; U.S. Pat. No. 1,407,540, filed Jul. 12, 1919, to Charles Holsinger; U.S. Pat. No. 2,218,954, filed Aug. 7, 1939, to Gustaf A. Gustafson; U.S. Pat. No. 2,800,305, filed Aug. 15, 45 1955, to Ambrose Gerstner; U.S. Pat. No. 2,863,642, filed May 10, 1955, to Louis Pagett; U.S. Pat. No. 3,045,976, filed Mar. 17, 1961, to Alfred E. Nayhouse; U.S. Pat. No. 3,486, 739, filed Nov. 18, 1968, to Robert L. Nelson; U.S. Pat. No. 3,942,763, filed Feb. 4, 1974, to Arlen Helterbrand; U.S. Pat. 50 No. 4,037,788, filed Dec. 3, 1975, to Harry D. Riley; U.S. Pat. No. 4,078,772, filed Feb. 12, 1976, to Michael Carbone; U.S. Pat. No. 4,508,320, filed Nov. 19, 1981, to Bernard L. Hegarty; U.S. Pat. No. 4,553,740, filed May 3, 1984, to Alan Bailey; U.S. Pat. No. 4,893,788, filed Oct. 24, 1988, to Barry 55 J. Chave; U.S. Pat. No. 5,120,025, filed Oct. 22, 1990, to Battista D'Avanzo; U.S. Pat. No. 5,496,016, filed Jul. 12, 1994, to Harvey E. Parisien; U.S. Pat. No. 5,542,649, filed Oct. 6, 1994, to Marnix Allegaert; U.S. Pat. No. 5,593,142, filed Dec. 11, 1995, to Thomas L. Gerhart; U.S. Pat. No. 60 6,050,549, filed Feb. 3, 1998, to Bill D. Foy; U.S. Pat. No. D197,233, filed Mar. 7, 1963, to Irving R. Burnstine; U.S. Pat. No. D446,315, filed Jul. 28, 2000, to John T. Forbis; U.S. Pat. No. D461,914, filed Jan. 16, 2001, to Roderick E. Hughes; and U.S. Pat. No. D471,284, filed Mar. 14, 2002, to 65 Randall D. Heath disclose a variety of inventions related to chain-link fences and chain-link-fence wire twists. The prior

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art has failed to solve many problems associated with such chain-link fences and chain-link-fence wire twists, as follows:

- 1) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system, which can quickly and easily lock the top wires of unique wire panels to the inside of fence rails, and to absorb vibrations exerted on the unique wire panels while in use. As a result, while in use, the metal components of the prior-art fences contact and grind against one another, squeak and moan, and rust away. No prior-art fences have had any solution for the above-mentioned long-felt problems.
 - 2) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system, which can be operated by hand to quickly and easily lock the top wires of unique wire panels to the inside of fence rails, without using any tools. As a result, the prior-art fences require many different tools (for example, for the installation of a chain-link fence), require a lot of time, waste materials, are expensive, and cause a lot of personal injuries.
 - 3) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system, which can be operated by hand to quickly and easily release the top wires of unique wire panels from the inside of fence rails, without using any tools, to replace the unique wire panels. As a result, the prior-art fences require replacing the whole side of a fence when part of the fence is damaged, require many different tools (for example, for the replacement of the whole side of the chain-link fence), require a lot of time, waste materials, are expensive, and cause a lot of personal injuries.
 - 4) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system, which can be quickly and easily locked inside fence rails and protected from weather elements by the fence rails. As a result, the chain-link-fence wire twists of the prior-art fences are exposed to and not protected from weathering elements, and rust away. These long-felt problems shorten the durability, reliability, and service lifespan of the prior-art fences over time.
 - 5) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system, which can be operated by hand and only requires one person to quickly and easily lock unique wire panels continuously on one side of fence posts to create a fence, without using any tools. As a result, the installation of the prior-art fences requires many people, many different tools, and a lot of time (for example, the installation of a chain-link fence), wastes materials, is expensive, and causes a lot of personal injuries.
 - 6) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system, which can lock the dangerous top ends of the vertical wires of unique wire panels inside fence rails, to prevent them from poking, snagging, and cutting people to prevent personal injuries. As a result, the prior-art fences expose the dangerous top ends of their chain-link mesh, which poke, snag, cut people, and cause a lot of personal injuries over time.
 - 7) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique wire panels of the unique fence clipping system, which are flat, easy and cheap to make, easy and cheap to transport, easy and cheap to install, easy and cheap to replace, and can be quickly and easily locked continuously on one side of fence posts to create a fence, without using any tools. As a result, the chain-link-mesh rolls of the prior-art fences are expensive and cumbersome, require a lot of time to install, cannot be precut at a factory, require expensive cutting tools to cut

them on site, require a tremendous amount of cutting labor on site, and cause a lot of personal injuries.

8) No prior-art fences offer or disclose any unique wire panels and their unique advantages of the unique fence clipping system. As a result, many additional long-felt 5 problems of the chain-link-mesh rolls of the prior-art fences are: a) They are cumbersome and dangerous to cut on site, b) They are not uniform, c) They require professional skills to install, c) They are very heavy, d) They require multiple people to carry them, and e) They require a lot of space for 10 transportation and storage, and they cause a lot of personal injuries.

OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION

The present invention substantially departs from the conventional concepts and designs of the prior art (for example, FIG. 1 illustrates a prior-art fence and its wire twists 49 used on its fence rail to hang a chain-link mesh to build a 20 chain-link fence). In doing so, the present invention provides a unique fence clipping system, having many unique functions and advantages, which overcome all the disadvantages of the prior art, as follows:

- 1) It is an object of the present invention to provide the 25 unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips, which can be used to quickly and easily lock the top wires of unique wire panels to the inside of fence rails, to prevent the metal components of the fence from contacting and grinding against one another, and to 30 absorb vibrations exerted on the unique wire panels while in use. As a result, the unique fence clipping system prevents the metal components of the fence from squeaking and moaning, to keep the fence quiet and to prevent the metal components of the fence from rusting (The unique fence 35 clipping system solves the long-felt problems of the metal components of the fence squeaking and moaning, and rusting away).
- 2) It is another object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized 40 flexible rail clips, which can be operated by hand to quickly and easily lock the top wires of unique wire panels to the inside of fence rails, without using any tools. As a result, the unique fence clipping system eliminates the needs for tools, saves materials, saves time, saves money, and eliminates 45 personal injuries.
- 3) It is another object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips, which can be operated by hand to quickly and easily release the top wires of unique wire panels from 50 the inside of fence rails, without using any tools, to replace any of the unique wire panels. As a result, the unique fence clipping system eliminates the need for replacing the whole side of the fence when part of the fence is damaged by allowing replacing only a damaged wire panel, which eliminates the needs for tools, saves materials, saves time, saves money, and prevents personal injuries.
- 4) It is a further object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips, which can be quickly and easily locked 60 inside fence rails and protected from weather elements by the fence rails. As a result, the unique plasticized flexible rail clips of the unique fence clipping system will last a long time and, therefore, extend the durability, reliability, and service lifespan of the unique fence clipping system.
- 5) It is an even further object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having plasticized

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flexible rail clips, which can be operated by hand and only requires one person to quickly and easily lock unique wire panels continuously on one side of fence posts to install the fence, without using any tools. As a result, the unique fence clipping system eliminates the needs for multiple persons to install the fence, eliminates the needs for tools, eliminates personal injuries, reduces the amount of time needed to install the fence, saves materials, and, therefore, saves time and money.

- 6) It is still another object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips, which can be used to lock the dangerous top ends of the vertical wires of unique wire panels inside fence rails to prevent them from poking, snagging, and cutting people. As a result, the unique fence clipping system offers safety, protects people, protects the unique wire panels, and eliminates personal injuries, at the same times.
- 7) It is yet another object of the present invention to provide the unique wire panels of the unique fence clipping system, which can be quickly and easily locked continuously on one side of fence posts to install the fence, without using any tools. As a result, the unique wire panels of the unique fence clipping system are light and flat, eliminate the needs for using expensive chain-link-mesh rolls, reduce the amount of time needed to install the fence, can be precut at a factory, eliminate the needs for tools, eliminate the needs for cutting wires on site, save materials, save money, and eliminate personal injuries.
- 8) It is still an even further object of the present invention to provide the unique wire panels and their unique advantages of the unique fence clipping system. As a result, the unique wire panels of the unique fence clipping system are light, flat, stackable, aesthetic, affordable, easy to produce, easy to transport, easy to install, easy to replace, cheap to produce, cheap to transport, cheap to install, and cheap to replace (which solve all the long-felt disadvantages of the prior art of the expensive, cumbersome chain-link-mesh rolls of chain-link fences).

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the consideration of the accompanying drawings and ensuing description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS FIGURE

FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART) illustrates a front view of a chain-link fence.

FIG. 2 illustrates a front view of the unique fence clipping system.

FIGS. 3 and 4 illustrate an inside view of the unique fence clipping system.

FIG. 5 illustrates a side view of the unique fence clipping

FIGS. **6***a* and **6***b* illustrate side views of a rail clip and a double-locking-head arm.

FIGS. 7 and 8 illustrate front and rear views of the rail clip and the double-locking-head arm.

FIG. 9 illustrates a cross-sectional view of the rail clip and the double-locking-head arm.

FIGS. **10***a*, **10***b*, and **10***c* illustrate how the double-locking-head arm locks in the body of the rail clip.

FIGS. 11 and 12 illustrate side views of the rail clip and 65 the double-locking-head arm, respectively.

FIGS. 13a and 13b illustrate side and front views of the unique fence clipping system, respectively.

FIG. 14 illustrates a front view of the unique fence clipping system.

FIGS. 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d illustrate how the unique fence clipping system works.

FIGS. **16***a*, **16***b*, **16***c*, and **16***d* illustrate a variation of the rail clip, and how it works.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A unique plasticized fence clipping system comprises 10 fence posts, fence rails, wire panels, plasticized rail clips, and plasticized double-locking-head arms. The plasticized rail clips have wire recesses. The wire panels have top wires. The wire recesses are for locking the top wires therein. The plasticized rail clips and plasticized double-locking-head 15 arms are for quickly and easily locking and releasing the top wires of the wire panels to and from the inside of the fence rails, respectively, such that the unique plasticized fence clipping system absorbs vibrations exerted on the fence and prevents the metal components of the fence from contacting 20 and grinding against one another, and from squeaking and moaning, to keep the fence quiet and to prevent the metal components from rusting. The unique plasticized fence clipping system is also affordable and reliable, is quick and easy to install, requires no tools, saves materials, eliminates 25 personal injuries, can be operated by hand, and requires only one person to install the fence.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Component

Referring to FIGS. 2, 3, 4, and 5, the unique fence clipping system comprises:

- 1) Fence posts 50,
- 2) Wire panels 51,
- 3) Top wires 52,
- 4) Fence rails 53,
- 5) First rail lips 54,
- 6) Second rail lips 55,
- 7) Rail openings 56,
- 8) Rail clips 57,
- 9) Clip bodies 58,
- 10) Flexible arms 59,
- 11) First clip ends 60,
- 12) Second clip ends 61,
- 13) Wire recesses 62.
- 14) First locking-head recesses 63,
- 15) Second locking-head recesses 64,
- 16) Double-locking-head arms 65,
- 17) First locking heads 66, and
- 18) Second locking heads 67.

Material

Referring to FIGS. 2, 3, 4, and 5:

- 1) Fence posts 50 are made of metallic material.
- 2) Wire panels 51 are made of metallic material.
- 3) Top wires 52 are made of metallic material.
- 4) Fence rails 53 are made of metallic material.
- 5) First rail lips 54 are made of metallic material.
- 6) Second rail lips 55 are made of metallic material.
- 7) Rail openings 56 are made of empty space.
- 8) Rail clips 57 are made of plasticized material.
- 9) Clip bodies 58 are made of plasticized material.
- 10) Flexible arms 59 are made of plasticized material.
- 11) First clip ends 60 are made of plasticized material.
- 12) Second clip ends 61 are made of plasticized material.
- 13) Wire recesses 62 are made of empty space.

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- 14) First locking-head recesses 63 are made of empty space.
- 15) Second locking-head recesses 64 are made of empty
- 16) Double-locking-head arms 65 are made of plasticized material.
- 17) First locking heads 66 are made of plasticized material.
- 18) Second locking heads 67 are made of plasticized mate-

Shape

Referring to FIGS. 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10a, 10b, and 10c:

- 1) Fence posts 50 each have an elongated, rectangular-crosssectional shape.
- 2) Wire panels 51 each have a rectangular shape.
- 3) Top wires 52 each have an elongated, round-crosssectional shape.
- 4) Fence rails 53 each have an elongated, U-cross-sectional shape.
- 5) First rail lips 54 each have an elongated C-shape.
- 6) Second rail lips 55 each have an elongated I-shape.
- 7) Rail openings **56** each have an elongated I-shape.
- 8) Rail clips 57 each have a U-shape.
- 9) Clip bodies 58 each have an I-shape.
- 10) Flexible arms 59 each have a V-shape.
- 11) First clip ends 60 each have an I-shape.
- 12) Second clip ends **61** each have an I-shape.
- 13) Wire recesses 62 each have a half-moon shape. 14) First locking-head recesses 63 each have a cup shape.
- 15) Second locking-head recesses **64** each have a cup shape.
- 16) Double-locking-head arms 65 each have a dumb-bell
 - 17) First locking heads **66** each have a cup shape.
 - 18) Second locking heads 67 each have a cup shape.

Connection

Referring to FIGS. 11, 12, 13a, 13b, and 14:

- 35 1) Fence posts 50 are connected to fence rails 53, at their
 - 2) Wire panels 51 are created from welding many panel wires 52 together.
- 3) Top wires 52 are welded to other panel wires to create wire panels 51.
 - 4) Fence rails 53 are connected to fence posts 50, at their ends.
- 5) First rail lips 54 are molded to and along fence rails 53, at their edges.
- 45 6) Second rail lips 55 are molded to and along fence rails 53, at their opposite edges.
 - 7) Rail openings 56 are disposed between and along first and second rail lips 54 and 55.
 - 8) Rail clips 57 are locked inside fence rails 53.
- 50 9) Clip bodies 58 are molded to flexible arms 59, at their
 - 10) Flexible arms 59 are molded to clip bodies 58, at their
- 11) First clip ends 60 are molded to clip bodies 58, at their other ends.
 - 12) Second clip ends 61 are molded to flexible arms 59, at their other ends.
- 13) Wire recesses **62** are molded in first clip ends **60**, on their outer surfaces.
- 60 14) First locking-head recesses 63 are molded in first clip ends 60, on their inner surfaces.
 - 15) Second locking-head recesses 64 are molded in second clip ends 61, on their inner surfaces.
 - 16) Double-locking-head arms 65 are locked to first and second clip ends 60 and 61.
 - 17) First locking heads 66 are molded to double-lockinghead arms 65, at their ends.

18) Second locking heads 67 are molded to double-lockinghead arms 65, at their other ends.

Function

Referring to FIGS. 11, 12, 13a, 13b, and 14:

- 1) Fence posts 50 are for supporting fence rails 53.
- 2) Wire panels 51 are for creating a barrier for the fence.
- 3) Top wires **52** are for being welded with other panel wires to create wire panels 51.
- 4) Fence rails 53 are for locking rail clips 57 therein.
- 6) Second rail lips 55 are for second clip ends 61 to rest
- 7) Rail openings 56 are for rail clips 57 to be inserted therethrough into the inside of fence rails 53.
- 8) Rail clips 57
 - are for preventing wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 from contacting and grinding against each other,
 - to prevent wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 from squeaking, moaning, and rusting,
 - to keep wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 quiet, and are for locking top wires 52 of wire panels 51 continuously inside fence rails 53,
 - to lock wire panels 51 continuously on one side of fence posts 50.
- 9) Clip bodies 58
 - are for preventing wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 from contacting and grinding against each other,
 - to prevent wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 from squeaking, moaning, and rusting,
 - to keep wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 quiet, and are for locking top wires 52 of wire panels 51 continuously inside fence rails 53,
 - to lock wire panels 51 continuously on one side of fence posts 50.
- 10) Flexible arms 59
 - are for absorbing vibrations exerted on wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 while in use, and
 - are for being able to fold inwards to shrink the width of rail clips 57
 - to allow rail clips 57 to be inserted through rail open- 40 ings 56 into the inside of fence rails 53,
- 11) First clip ends 60 are for resting on first rail lips 54.
- 12) Second clip ends 61 are for resting on second rail lips 55.
- 13) Wire recesses 62 are for top wires 52 to rest therein.
- 14) First locking-head recesses 63 are for first locking heads 45 66 to be locked therein.
- 15) Second locking-head recesses 64 are for second locking heads 67 to be locked therein.
- 16) Double-locking-head arms 65 are for pushing first and second locking heads 66 and 67 into first and second 50 locking-head recesses 63 and 64, respectively.
- 17) First locking heads 66 are for locking double-lockinghead arms 65 to rail clips 57 to lock rail clips 57 inside fence rails 53.
- 18) Second locking heads 67 are for locking double-locking- 55 head arms 65 to rail clips 57 to lock rail clips 57 inside fence rails 53.

Operation

- Referring to FIGS. 14, 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d, the operation of the unique fence clipping system comprises the 60 following steps:
- 1) Inserting the ends of fence posts 50 into the ground such that fence posts 50 are perpendicular with the ground;
- of fence rails 53
 - such that fence rails 53 are parallel with the ground;

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- 3) Inserting top wires 52 through rail openings 56 into the inside of fence rails 53,
 - in the direction of arrow 68 (see FIG. 15a);
- 4) Squeezing first and second clip ends 60 and 61 toward each other,
 - in the directions of arrows 69 and 70 (see FIG. 15a), to fold flexible arms 59 inwards;
- 5) Hooking first clip ends 60 on first rail lips 54 (see FIG.
- 5) First rail lips 54 are for first clip ends 60 to rest thereon. 10 6) Rotating rail clips 57 through rail openings 56 into the inside of fence rails 53,
 - in the direction of arrow 71 (see FIG. 15b);
 - 7) Rotating clip bodies 58 into the inside of fence rails 53, in the direction of arrow 72 (see FIG. 15c);
 - 15 8) Releasing first and second clip ends 60 and 61,
 - in the direction of arrow 73 (see FIG. 15c), to unfold flexible arms 59,
 - such that flexible arms 59 return to their original form and dimension:
 - 20 9) Snap-locking first and second locking heads **66** and **67** in first and second locking-head recesses 63 and 64, in the directions of arrows 74 and 75, respectively (see FIG.
 - such that rail clips 57 and double-locking-head arms 65
 - prevent wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 from contacting and grinding against each other,
 - to prevent wire panels 51 and fence rails 53
 - from squeaking, moaning, and rusting, and
 - to keep wire panels 51 and fence rails 53 quiet, and
 - such that rail clips 57 and double-locking-head arms 65 lock themselves and top wires 52 continuously inside fence rails 53, and
 - lock wire panels 51 continuously on one side of fence posts 50;
 - 35 10) Locking top wires 52 of wire panels 51 in wire recesses
 - in the direction of arrow 76 (see FIG. 15d); and
 - 11) Screwing fence rails 53 to fence posts 50 to secure fence rails 53 to fence posts 50.

Variation

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Referring to FIGS. 16a, 16b, 16c, and 16d, an equivalent to rail clip 57 can be a rail clip 77 having a similar double-locking-head arm 78. One end of double-lockinghead arm 78 can be molded to the second clip end of rail clip 77. Similarly to rail clip 57, rail clip 77 can be squeezed to reduce its width in the directions of arrows 79 and 80 (FIG. 16a), hooked on the rail lip of fence rail 53 (FIG. 16b), rotated into the inside of fence rail 53 in the direction of arrow 81 (FIG. 16c), and locked inside fence rail 53 in the direction of arrow 82 (FIG. 16d). Then, top wire 52 can be dropped down into the wire recess of rail clip 77 in the direction of arrow 83 (FIG. 16d). Fence posts 50, wire panels 51, and fence rails 53 can be powder-coated. Major Benefits

Referring to FIGS. 14, 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d:

The present invention substantially departs from the conventional concepts and designs of the prior art (for example, FIG. 1 illustrates a prior-art fence and its wire twists 49 used on its fence rail to hang a chain-link mesh to build a chain-link fence). In doing so, the present invention provides a unique fence clipping system, having many unique functions and advantages, which overcome all the disadvantages of the prior art, as follows:

1) It is an object of the present invention to provide the 2) Inserting the other ends of fence posts 50 into the inside 65 unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips 57, which can be used to quickly and easily lock top wires 52 of unique wire panels 51 to the inside of

fence rails 53, to prevent the metal components of the fence from contacting and grinding against one another, and to absorb vibrations exerted on unique wire panels 51 while in use. As a result, the unique fence clipping system prevents the metal components of the fence from squeaking and moaning, to keep the fence quiet and to prevent the metal components of the fence from rusting (The unique fence clipping system solves the long-felt problems of the metal components of the fence squeaking and moaning, and rust-

- 2) It is another object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips 57, which can be operated by hand to quickly and easily lock top wires 52 of unique wire panels 51 to the inside of fence rails 53, without using any tools. As a result, the unique fence clipping system eliminates the needs for tools, saves materials, saves time, saves money, and eliminates personal injuries.
- 3) It is another object of the present invention to provide 20 the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips 57, which can be operated by hand to quickly and easily release top wires 52 of unique wire panels 51 from the inside of fence rails 53, without using any tools, to replace any of unique wire panels 51. As a result, the 25 unique fence clipping system eliminates the need for replacing the whole side of the fence when part of the fence is damaged by allowing replacing only a damaged wire panel 51, which eliminates the needs for tools, saves materials, saves time, saves money, and prevents personal injuries.
- 4) It is a further object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips 57, which can be quickly and easily locked inside fence rails 53 and protected from weather elements by fence rails 53. As a result, unique plasticized flexible rail 35 clips 57 of the unique fence clipping system will last a long time and, therefore, extend the durability, reliability, and service lifespan of the unique fence clipping system.
- 5) It is an even further object of the present invention to provide the unique fence clipping system, having plasticized 40 flexible rail clips 57, which can be operated by hand and only requires one person to quickly and easily lock unique wire panels 51 continuously on one side of fence posts 50 to install the fence, without using any tools. As a result, the unique fence clipping system eliminates the needs for mul- 45 tiple persons to install the fence, eliminates the needs for tools, eliminates personal injuries, reduces the amount of time needed to install the fence, saves materials, and, therefore, saves time and money.
- 6) It is still another object of the present invention to 50 provide the unique fence clipping system, having unique plasticized flexible rail clips 57, which can be used to lock the dangerous top ends of the vertical wires of unique wire panels 51 inside fence rails 53 to prevent them from poking, snagging, and cutting people. As a result, the unique fence 55 clipping system offers safety, protects people, protects unique wire panels 51, and eliminates personal injuries, at the same times.
- 7) It is yet another object of the present invention to provide unique wire panels 51 of the unique fence clipping 60 system, which can be quickly and easily locked continuously on one side of fence posts 50 to install the fence, without using any tools. As a result, unique wire panels 51 of the unique fence clipping system are light and flat, eliminate the needs for using expensive chain-link-mesh 65 rolls, reduce the amount of time needed to install the fence, can be precut at a factory, eliminate the needs for tools,

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eliminate the needs for cutting wires on site, save materials, save money, and eliminate personal injuries.

8) It is still an even further object of the present invention to provide unique wire panels 51 and their unique advantages of the unique fence clipping system. As a result, unique wire panels 51 of the unique fence clipping system are light, flat, stackable, aesthetic, affordable, easy to produce, easy to transport, easy to install, easy to replace, cheap to produce, cheap to transport, cheap to install, and cheap to replace (which solve all the long-felt disadvantages of the prior art of the expensive, cumbersome chain-link-mesh rolls of chain-link fences).

What is claimed is:

1. A fence system, for building a wire-panel fence, com-15 prising:

a plurality of fence posts,

a plurality of wire panels,

a plurality of fence rails,

a plurality of rail clips, and

a plurality of locking arms,

said fence posts each being made of metallic material, said fence posts each having an elongated, rectangularcross-sectional shape,

said fence posts each having

a first fence-post end and

a second fence-post end,

said first fence-post ends

for being buried in the ground,

said second fence-post ends

for being inserted into said fence rails

to support said fence rails, respectively,

said wire panels each being made of metallic material, said wire panels each having a rectangular shape,

said wire panels each having

a top wire,

said top wires

for being inserted into said fence rails, respectively, said fence rails each being made of metallic material,

said fence rails each having an elongated, U-crosssectional shape,

said fence rails each having

a first rail lip and

a second rail lip,

said fence rails

for said rail clips and said locking arms to be inserted therein

to protect said rail clips and said locking arms from weather elements, and

for said top wires to be inserted therein

to prevent said top wires from poking and cutting people,

said rail clips each being made of semi-rigid material, said rail clips each having a U-shape,

said rail clips each comprising

a clip body and

a flexible arm,

said clip body having a clip-body end,

said flexible arm having a flexible-arm end,

said clip-body end being molded to said flexible-arm end,

said clip body having

an inner surface,

an outer surface.

a locking-arm recess, and

a top-wire recess,

said locking-arm recess being molded into said inner surface,

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said top-wire recess being molded into said outer

said rail clips being inserted in said fence rails such that

said clip bodies and said flexible arms hook on said first and said second rail lips, respectively, said flexible arms

for absorbing vibrations exerted on said wire panels and said fence rails, and

for being folded inwards

to allow said rail clips to be inserted into said fence rails,

said locking arms each being made of semi-rigid material, said locking arms each having an I-shape,

said locking arms each having

a first locking-arm end and

a second locking-arm end,

said first locking-arm end being molded to said flexible arm,

said second locking-arm end

for being snap-locked in said locking-arm recess of said clip body,

said top wires

for being snap-locked in said top-wire recess of said clip body,

whereby said rail clips and said locking arms are for preventing said wire panels and said fence rails from contacting and grinding against each other, to prevent said wire panels and said fence rails from squeaking, moaning, and rusting,

for locking said top wires inside said fence rails, to prevent said top wires from poking and cutting people,

for keeping said wire panels and said fence rails quiet, for absorbing vibrations exerted on said wire panels, for locking said wire panels inside said fence rails,

to protect said wire panels from weather elements, for locking said wire panels to said fence rails, and for locking said wire panels on one side of said fence

for eliminating using tools when installing said wire panels, and

whereby the fence system:

can be assembled and disassembled quickly and easily by hand,

can be assembled and disassembled quickly and easily without using any tools,

can be assembled and disassembled quickly and easily by one person,

is quick and easy to install and to replace,

is easy and cheap to produce and to use,

is flat and easy to transport, to stack, and to store,

saves materials, time, and money,

offers safety, affordability, and convenience,

simplifies fence installation and replacement,

reduces fence-installation and fence-replacement time, eliminates the needs for tools,

eliminates the needs for cutting wires on site, and

eliminates personal injuries.

2. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said locking-arm 60

- recesses each have a cup shape.

 3. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said top-wire
- recesses each have a cup shape.

 4. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said rail clips are
- made of nylon.5. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said rail clips are made of plasticized material.

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6. The fence system of claim **1**, wherein, said locking arms are made of nylon.

7. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said locking arms are made of plasticized material.

8. The fence system of claim **1**, wherein, said fence posts, wire panels, and fence rails are made of steel.

9. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said fence posts, wire panels, and fence rails are made of iron.

10. The fence system of claim 1, wherein, said locking 10 arms are made of plasticized material.

11. A fence system, for building a wire-panel fence, comprising:

a plurality of fence posts,

a plurality of wire panels,

a plurality of fence rails,

a plurality of rail clips, and

a plurality of locking arms,

said fence posts each being made of metallic material, said fence posts each having

a first fence-post end and

a second fence-post end,

said first fence-post ends

for being buried in the ground,

said second fence-post ends

for being inserted into said fence rails

to support said fence rails, respectively, said wire panels each being made of metallic material,

said wire panels each having

a top wire, said top wires

for being inserted into said fence rails, respectively, said fence rails each being made of metallic material,

said fence rails each having an elongated, U-crosssectional shape,

said fence rails each having

a first rail lip and

a second rail lip,

said fence rails

for said rail clips and said locking arms to be inserted therein

to protect said rail clips and said locking arms from weather elements, and

for said top wires to be inserted therein

to prevent said top wires from poking and cutting people,

said rail clips each being made of semi-rigid material, said rail clips each comprising

a clip body and

a flexible arm,

said clip body having a clip-body end,

said flexible arm having a flexible-arm end,

said clip-body end being molded to said flexible-arm end.

said clip body having

an inner surface,

an outer surface,

a locking-arm recess, and

a top-wire recess,

said locking-arm recess being molded into said inner surface,

said top-wire recess being molded into said outer surface,

said rail clips being inserted in said fence rails such that

said clip bodies and said flexible arms hook on said first and said second rail lips, respectively, said flexible arms

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for absorbing vibrations exerted on said wire panels and said fence rails, and

for being folded inwards

to allow said rail clips to be inserted into said fence rails,

said locking arms each being made of semi-rigid material, said locking arms each having

a first locking-arm end and

a second locking-arm end,

said first locking-arm end being molded to said 10 flexible arm,

said second locking-arm end

for being snap-locked in said locking-arm recess of said clip body,

said top wires

for being snap-locked in said top-wire recess of said clip body,

whereby said rail clips and said locking arms are

for preventing said wire panels and said fence rails from contacting and grinding against each other; to prevent said wire panels and said fence rails from squeaking, moaning, and rusting,

for locking said top wires inside said fence rails,

to prevent said top wires from poking and cutting people,

for keeping said wire panels and said fence rails quiet, for absorbing vibrations exerted on said wire panels,

for locking said wire panels inside said fence rails,

to protect said wire panels from weather elements, for locking said wire panels to said fence rails, and for locking said wire panels on one side of said fence posts,

for eliminating using tools when installing said wire panels.

- 12. The fence system of claim 11, wherein, said fence ³⁵ posts each have a rectangular cross section.
- 13. The fence system of claim 11, wherein, said fence posts each have a round cross section.
- **14**. The fence system of claim **11**, wherein, said wire panels each have a rectangular shape.
- 15. The fence system of claim 11, wherein, said wire panels each have a square shape.
- 16. The fence system of claim 11, further, comprising a plurality of screws, wherein, said screws are for screwing said fence rails to said fence posts, respectively.
- 17. The fence system of claim 11, wherein, said rail clips are made of nylon.
- 18. The fence system of claim 11, wherein, said rail clips are made of plasticized material.

19. A method for building a wire-panel fence,

provided a fence system,

the fence system comprising:

- a plurality of fence posts,
- a plurality of wire panels, a plurality of fence rails,
- a plurality of rail clips, and
- a plurality of locking arms,

said fence posts each being made of metallic material, said fence posts each having an elongated, rectangularcross-sectional shape,

said fence posts each having

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a first fence-post end and

a second fence-post end,

said wire panels each being made of metallic material, said wire panels each having a rectangular shape, said wire panels each having

a top wire,

said fence rails each being made of metallic material, said fence rails each having an elongated, U-crosssectional shape,

said fence rails each having

a first rail lip and

a second rail lip.

said rail clips each being made of semi-rigid material, said rail clips each having a U-shape,

said rail clips each comprising

a clip body and

a flexible arm,

said clip body having a clip-body end,

said flexible arm having a flexible-arm end,

said clip-body end being molded to said flexible-arm end,

said clip body having

an inner surface,

an outer surface,

a locking-arm recess, and

a top-wire recess,

said locking-arm recess being molded into said inner surface,

said top-wire recess being molded into said outer surface,

said locking arms each being made of semi-rigid material, said locking arms each having an I-shape,

said locking arms each having

a first locking-arm end and

a second locking-arm end,

said first locking-arm end being molded to said flexible arm,

the method comprising the steps of:

burying said first fence-post ends into the ground,

inserting said second fence-post ends into said fence rails, respectively,

inserting said top wires into said fence rails, respectively.

squeezing said clip bodies and said flexible arms, respectively,

inserting said rail clips into said fence rails, respectively,

releasing said clip bodies and said flexible arms, respectively,

hooking said clip bodies and said flexible arms on said first and said second rail lips, respectively,

locking said top wires in said top-wire recesses, respectively, and

snap-locking said second locking-arm ends into said locking-arm recesses, respectively.

20. The method of claim 19, the fence system further comprising a plurality of screws, the method further comprising the step of

screwing said fence rails to said fence posts with said screws, respectively.

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